Christian Division Assistants.

384. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Christians appointed as Division Assistants after the separation of Devaswoms from the Revenue Department;

(*b*) the number of Christians holding the posts of Division Assistants at present; and

(*c*) whether two vacancies of Division Assistants occurred during the last two months?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Two.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) Yes. There were two temporary leave vacancies.

Headquarters of the Assistant Inspectress of Schools, District VI.

385. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (*a*) Have the Government decided to shift the headquarters of the Assistant Inspectress of Girls' Schools, District VI, from Muvattupuzha to Alwaye?

(*b*) How many years have now elapsed since the office of the Assistant Inspectress was established at Muvattupuzha?

(*c*) Has the said Assistant Inspectress addressed the Government for permission to shift her office to Alwaye?

(*d*) If so, what are the reasons put forward by her for such a step?

(*e*) Was the Chief Inspectress or the Director of Public Instruction convinced, by means of local enquiry, of the reasons advanced by the Assistant Inspectress before the Government decided to shift her office?

(*f*) Is not Muvattupuzha a more central place than Alwaye for the district?

(*g*) Have the Government called for a report to be submitted two years hence on the advantages and disadvantages of the shifting of the office of the Assistant Inspectress to Alwaye?

(*h*) If so, is it not better to immediately consider the disadvantages resulting from the transfer than to shift it and then consider the advantages and disadvantages two years hence?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes; tentatively for a period of two years from April 1924.

(*b*) Ten years.

(*c*) The Assistant Inspectress addressed the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

(*d*) The reason put forward is that Alwaye is a healthier and more convenient place than Muvattupuzha.

(*e*) Yes.

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